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In the application of:

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QUARTET

Examiner: L. Spector

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 21 December 1998, time for response to which was set to expire 21 March 1999. The examined claims, claims 1, 3-9, 11, 13-19, 21, 23-29, 31 and 33-39 were rejected. Applicants appreciate the thoughtful consideration given their undersigned representative at an interview on 19 March 1999. The discussion of the outstanding issues was most helpful. It is believed that the following amendment and discussion are responsive to the grounds for rejection. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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